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HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
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To: Pharmacists
All Prescribers
Nursing Home Administrators
Regional Support Networks
Managed Care Organizations

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**Subject: Prescription Drug Program: The Medicare Prescription Drug Program
(Medicare Part D)**

Effective for dates of service on and after February 21, 2006, the Health and Recovery Services Administration (HRSA) will pay basic Medicare Part D copayments for Medicare/Medicaid dual-eligible clients.

What is changing?

Effective February 21, 2006, HRSA will begin paying Medicare Part D copayments for up to \$5 per prescription for clients who are on both Medicaid and Medicare (dual eligible). Here is how it works:

Who is eligible to have co-payments covered by the state?

The clients' Medical ID card must display all of the following:

- An "X" in the Medicare column;
- CNP or MNP under Scope of Care; and
- "MedicareRx" printed on the card.

What is the maximum HRSA pays for a copayment?

HRSA will pay only the required co-payment of a paid Part D claim, up to a maximum of \$5.00.

Note: Some dual eligible clients have elected prescription coverage from Medicare approved "creditable coverage" plans or from enhanced Medicare prescription drug plans. DSHS will pay a maximum co-payment of \$5.00 per prescription for dual eligible clients described above. Co-payment amounts **above \$5.00** will remain the client's responsibility.

How do I bill the copayment?

Enter an "8" in the *Other Coverage Code* field 308-C8 and enter only the co-payment amount in either the *Other Amount Claimed Submitted* field 480-H9 or the *Gross Amount Due* field 430-DU. **Do not submit the COB/Other Payment Segment.**

Note: HRSA will pay only the copayment of a paid Medicare Part D claim, in the amount indicated by the client's plan up to the maximum of \$5.00 per claim.

How do I conduct business electronically with HRSA?

You may conduct business electronically with HRSA by accessing the WAMedWeb at <http://wamedweb.acs-inc.com>.

How can I get HRSA's provider documents?

To obtain HRSA's provider numbered memoranda and billing instructions, go to HRSA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (click on the ***Billing Instructions/Numbered Memoranda*** or ***Provider Publications/Fee Schedules*** link).

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